



*A sunny day in the Pleasant Grove/Curry Creek Watershed area.*

**Award Amount**  
\$425,764

**Watershed**  
Auburn Ravine, Pleasant Grove, and Curry Creek Watersheds

**County**  
Placer County

**CALFED Region**  
Sacramento Valley Region

**Legislative Districts**  
US Congress: 4  
State Assembly: 4  
State Senate: 4

## **Purpose**

Facilitate the development and implementation of a comprehensive resource management plan (CRMP) for the Pleasant Grove/Curry Creek Watersheds and refine an ecosystem restoration plan for the Auburn Ravine and Coon Creek Watersheds.

## **Project Goals**

- Prepare a coordinated resource management plan for the Pleasant Grove/Curry Creek Watersheds.
- Refine an ecosystem restoration plan for Auburn Ravine and Coon Creek Watersheds.
- Develop a formal sampling and monitoring plan.
- Increase outreach and education efforts.

### **Benefits to the CALFED Program**

*Implementation of the Comprehensive Resource Management Plan will result in the reduction of a number of primary stressors, including alteration of flows and other effects of water management, channel form and floodplain changes, erosion, water quality, water temperature, and land use. Reduction and/or removal of these stressors will provide direct and indirect benefits to species of high priority to the Ecosystem Restoration Program such as steelhead, spring-run and fall-run Chinook salmon, splittail, delta smelt, and red- and yellow-legged frogs. In addition, increased citizen involvement and monitoring will enhance the community's ability to take care of and make decisions for the health of its own watersheds.*

## Project Overview

This project encompasses the Auburn Ravine, Coon Creek, Pleasant Grove, and Curry Creek Watersheds in western Placer County. The creeks, by way of the Cross Canal, are tributaries to the Sacramento River. The Pleasant Grove and Curry Creek Watersheds are the only watersheds in western Placer County that do not have a coordinated resource management program (CRMP) in place, yet they are experiencing the most significant changes as a result of a major population increase in the area. Currently, many decisions are being made regarding flood control, water supply, wastewater treatment, and erosion control with little or no knowledge of the implications for long-term watershed health. A comprehensive plan to address watershed issues is needed and will assist decision-makers in making more informed choices.

This project conducts the following tasks:

- facilitate and support the development and implementation of a CRMP for the Pleasant Grove/Curry Creek Watersheds in order to reduce the long-term sediment load carried by the creeks and to identify sources of water quality contamination;
- expand an existing citizen monitoring program to include all of the western Placer watersheds;
- increase citizen involvement and coordination of all activities in the watersheds through the utilization of a watershed coordinator; and
- refine an Auburn Ravine/Coon Creek baseline condition report presently under development.



*Members of the Placer County Planning Department analyze resource information.*

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